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## First Chapter of Hanford Story Released

RICHLAND, Wash. – The Department of Energy is releasing the first chapter of "The Hanford Story" to the public. The Hanford Story is a multimedia presentation that provides an overview of the Hanford Site—its history, today's cleanup activities, and a glimpse into the possibilities of future uses of the 586-square-mile government site in southeast Washington State.

The 17-minute video has been posted to the site's YouTube Channel on www.youtube.com/hanfordsite, as well as the Department of Energy's Hanford website on www.hanford.gov.

The Hanford Story will be delivered in a series of video-based chapters dedicated to telling the multi-faceted story of the site.

- The history of producing plutonium
- Impacts to the environment resulting from producing plutonium
- Progress being made in cleanup of the site
- Innovative technologies and solutions being used in cleanup activities
- Future uses of the Hanford Site

In addition to posting the first chapter of the Hanford Story on YouTube and the Hanford website, the video, along with several other chapters, will be available for display in a mobile kiosk in the coming months.

Representatives of the Department of Energy and its contractors are available to show the video to groups and answer questions. Requests should be directed to the Hanford Site Speakers Bureau on http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/HanfordSpeakersBureau, HSB@rl.gov, or (509) 376-6968.

Note to media: Copies of the videos will be provided to media upon request by sending an email to Geoffrey.Tyree@rl.doe.gov.

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